

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the title as follows:

"IDENTIFICATION AND MONITORING OF ~~SYSTEMATIC~~ SYSTEMIC LUPUS  
ERYTHEMATOSUS"

Please insert the following paragraphs before the heading, "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" at page 1, line 4:

--CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. National Phase Application, filed under 35 U.S.C. §371 of Patent Cooperation Treaty Application Number PCT/US2004/011982, filed April 16, 2004, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/463,447. Each of the aforementioned applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety and for all purposes.--